


Interviewee:	Isabel Holroyd	
Dates:	1 st September 2018	
Role(s):	Student (graduated 1968)	

Interview summary:

<i>Summary of content; with time (min:secs)</i>
Start – 0.32
0.33 - Describes how she came to Stirling Uni; suggests Stirling's campus size was appealing. Part of second intake of 150 students. Suggests course was rare but available at Stirling – sociology, psychology and economics (she studied all 3).
1.25 - Discussion of campus and accommodation in Causewayhead Road. Claims it was a different culture and not easy to settle into, including bus travel. Describes difficulty being vegetarian in early 1960s. Moved from Causewayhead to a self-catered flat, before moving to George Street; describes poor facilities (no shower, no toilet in main flat etc.).
5.18 - Studies sociology, psychology and economics in first year; struggled with economics due to Professor Baines' (?) teaching.
6.03 - Describes differences of school and university education; university involved more private study. Describes help from other tutors when struggling.
7.13 - Vague recollection of further 3 years of study but finished with economics after the first year.
7.59 - Discussion extracurricular activities, including fancy-dress parties (but not sport). Bought a motorised bike instead of taking public transport.
9.00 - Describes post-university career, including research assistant at Glasgow University's department of Social and Economic Research, civil servant (and trained as an accountant) and for companies making fingerprinting equipment for Scotland Yard, corsets and beer.
10.32 - Discusses friends from uni, stays in touch with old flatmates. Claims involvement with dancing and reeling from uni has led to long-lasting connections.
11.53 - Describes how campus has changed; suggests Cottrell and MacRobert Centre look more tired than Pathfoot in the 60s.
13.58 - Describes change in student life, in particular food students ate (e.g., chicken was a luxury).

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